

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Servant — Finance Department - Allegation of corruption against Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, Office of the Sub Treasury, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District - Prosecution Sanction Order - Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.105

**Dated:29-08-2015
Read the following:**

1. Rc.No.360/RCT-VVZ/2013-S.12, dated.22.05.2015 and 21.08.2015

ORDER:

Whereas Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o the Sub Treasury, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District worked as such from 13.12.2012 to 20.12.2013. By virtue of the post held by her, she falls within the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act-49 of 1988).

2. And whereas the summary of allegations against Smt. Padmini Acharini that Sri Dadisetty Sankararao S/o late Thatharao is working as Head Constable at Denkada Police Station. They are 5 brothers. Among them, the second brother Sri D.Rannbabu was working as constable at APSP V Battalion, Vizianagaram and he expired due to ill health at APSP quarters, Chinthalavalasa on 27.11.2002. Prior to his death, his wife Smt. Annapurna expired in the year 2000. By the time of death of his brother, both of his children are minors, his eldest brother Sri Dadisetty Appalaraju was made guardian to receive the pension of his deceased on behalf of minors. Subsequently, his eldest brother also died in the year 2005 and then onwards his wife Smt. D.Ramanamma is receiving the pension benefits. She is looking after the sons as guardian and residing at Telaga street, Nellimarla. In November, 2013, one person from Sub Treasury Office came to her house and asked her to come to the office to speak regarding the pension arrears. As she is illiterate and sick, she informed Sri Dadisetty Sankara Rao to attend the same. On 28.11.2013, Sri Dadisetty Sankara Rao went to the office of STO, Nellimarla and met Senior Accountant, Polinetti Sankara Polinaidu and enquired the matter, on that the Senior Accountant informed him that his sister in law will get pension arrears by saying so, he handed over a notice in the name of his sister in law signed by the STO, Nellimarla and took his acknowledgement on the other copy. Then Sri Dadisetty Sankara Rao met Senior Accountant Naidu twice/thrice times but the Senior Accountant kept the work pending. Lastly on 18.12.2013 afternoon, when Dadisetty Sankara Rao met Naidu at STO Office, Nellimarla, the Senior Accountant said that his work will be finished if he meets STO and introduced him to STO. On that, STO Smt. Padmini Acharini said that his sister in law's arrears will be sanctioned, and for that STO Padmini Acharini demanded an amount of Rs.5,000/-. Then Sri Dadisetty Sankara Rao informed STO, Nellimarla Smt. Padmini Acharini that his sister in law is poor and he is working in Police Department, even then she demanded him to pay the bribe amount or otherwise,

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bill will not be sanctioned. On his repeated requests, STO, Nellimarla lastly asked him to bring Rs.3,500/-. When Sri Dadisetty Sankara Rao told STO, Nellimarla Smt. Padmini Acharini that he don't have money, she told him that the bill will be sent to bank on 19.12.2013 and pay the money after it credited in to her account otherwise problems will be created in the future for monthly pension. As he was not willing to pay the demanded bribe of Rs.3,500/- to Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District, he approached the Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range on 19.12.2013 at 14.00 hours and lodged a written report with a request to take necessary legal action against the Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District.

3. And whereas, after receipt of the above complaint, after due verification of the genuineness of the complaint and reputation of Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District a case in Cr. No.17/RCT-ACB-VZM/2013 U/s 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered on 20.12.2013 at 10.00 hours and investigated into.

4. And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 20-12-2013 Sri D. Sankara Rao proceeded to Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla and met the STO Smt. Padmini Acharini in her chamber at the said office. The STO, Smt. Padmini Acharini further demanded the bribe amount to Sri D. Sankara Rao and called her Senior Account, Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu, into her room and instructed to collect the bribe amount from Sri D. Sankara Rao. Accordingly, the Senior Accountant Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu received bribe amount from Sri D. Sankara Rao counted and informed to the STO Smt. Padmini Acharini that it is an amount of Rs.3,500/-. Then Smt. Padmini Acharini asked the Senior Accountant Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu to keep his share amount of Rs.500/- with him and handover remaining amount to her. Then the Senior Accountant Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu keep his share amount of Rs.500/- in his left side shirt pocket and handed over the remaining amount of Rs.3,000/- to STO Smt. Padmini Acharini. After receiving the amount STO Smt. Padmini Acharini with her right hand from Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu, counted the same and kept in her hand bag and kept it her left side upper table drawer. Then Sri D. Sankara Rao came out of the Sub Treasury office and gave the pre-arranged signal.

5. And whereas, the both hand fingers and the inner linings of hand bag of Smt. Padmini Acharini, both hand fingers and inner linings of left side shirt pocket of Sri Polineti Sankara Polinaidu, yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test. During the course of investigation, the DSP, ACB seized the tainted currency Rs.3,500/- (3000+500), shirt, hand bag, the resultant solutions and the connected records in the presence of mediators under the cover of mediators report.

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6. And whereas, the above said acts of Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District, constitute the offence punishable Under Sections 7 & 13 (2) R/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 r/w 34 IPC.

7. And Whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District from Government services and after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. copies of FIR, Mediator Reports, statement of witnesses, final report of DG, ACB, etc.,) placed before me, with regard to the said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case, considered that the said Smt. Padmini Acharini, W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the above said offences.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sec.19 (1) (C) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sec.197 of Cr.P.C., 1973 Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Smt. Padmini Acharini,(U/s), W/o Sudhakar, Sub Treasury Officer, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District for the said offences Under Sections 7 & 13 (2) R/w 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 r/w 34 IPC and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.RAVI CHANDRA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(R&E)**

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
A.P., Hyderabad.